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# Generall Fairfax's LETTER TO THE HONORABLE, *William Lenthall Esquire,* Speaker of the Honorable House of COMMONS.

Concerning the storming and taking  
of *Tiverton Castle and Church.*

Together with a perfect List of the Commanders and  
Souldiers that were taken Prisoners.

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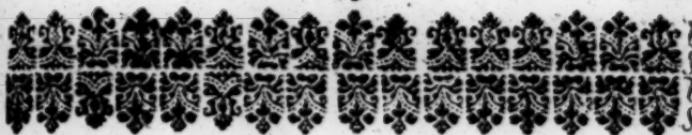
Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, That this  
Letter and List be forthwith printed and published:

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the Honorable House of Commons, Octob. 25. 1645.





Generall Fairfax's Letter to the Honorable  
VVilliam Lenthall Esq; Speaker of the  
Honorable House of Commons.

Mr. S P E A K E R ,

Since the Army came further VVeit,  
I have not given you an account of  
the motions thereof: The Treasure no  
sooner came to the Army, (of which  
there was great want) but we marched  
towards the Enemy, whose intention was  
(as we received Intelligēce) to attempt  
to break thorough with Two thousand  
horse to Oxford, to joyn with the Forces  
there; For prevention whereof, I sent  
Letters to the severall counties, to raise  
the power of the county, to give inter-

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ruption to his march, by making good  
the passes : That day that part of the Ar-  
my marched to *Axminster*, the Enemy  
with two thousand horse marched over  
*Blackdown*, and through the darknesse of  
the night, passed by our Guards, and fel-  
into the quarters of our Dragoons, and took about fifty prisoners, and returned  
immediately, their intention then being  
to make their way through, as some of  
their officers, who since came in unto  
me, do confess : The whole Army mar-  
ched that day after the Enemy to *Hunni-*  
*ton*, the horse quartering in the field all  
night, to prevent a second attempt of the  
Enemy to march Eastward; and next  
day the Army marched to *Columpton*, and  
the Enemy over the River *Ex*, where-  
upon I caused part of the Army to be  
quartered along that River, within three

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or four miles of *Exeter*, the better to prevent the Enemies return ; and with the rest of the Army I marched to *Tiverton*, whither Major Generall *Massey* was sent before with the Regiments with Colonel *Welden*, who found the Governour resolved to hold out ; whereupon (after consultation) the storming of that place was agreed on ; (the season of the yeer not admitting of much time to be spent about it) and yesterday being the Lords day, after forenoon Sermon, a Councell of VVar being called to order the manner of the Storm : The Canonier, with a great shot broke the chain of the draw-Bridge, whereby it fell down, and the Souldiers immediately entred, and got over the works, with little opposition : The Enemy fled into the Castle and Church for their security, where they had

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had quarter for their lives : Colcnell Sir *Gilbert Talbot*, and about Two hundred more were taken prisoners ; wee found four peece of Ordnance, and thirty Barrells of Powder ; the works were very strong and regular as I have seen : This Garrison will be of great use, both in order to the straitning of *Exeter*, and of securing any thing for this Army whilst it stayes in the VVest.

This day the Army moves towards the Enemy westward, in order to the reducement of these parts; desiring you that care may be taken the Army be seasonably supplyed with Moneys, being in a country that is much wasted and impoverished, by the Enemies quartering so long upon them. I remain, Sir,

*Tiverton, Octo.*

20. 1645.

Your humble Servant,

*T: Fairfax.*



Prisoners of war, taken at *Tiverton* on  
Sunday, October. 19. 1645.

S Ir Gilbert Talbot, govern:	V Vill: Sharp, Letter carrier.
S Major George Sadler.	Ensign Fran: Skidmoore.
Major Cos: Moneuche.	Ensign John Martine.
Major Wilks.	Ensign Fran: VVilks.
Major Pain.	Ensign Pollard.
Captain William Sturgion.	Ensign Davis.
Mr. Thomas Whitby.	Ensign Kerry.
Cap. Markas Whitby.	Serjeant Nich: Collins.
Cap. William Whitby.	Serjeant Rownsell.
Cap. Edward Kemp.	Serjeant Tho: Nicholls.
Cap. Richard Phillips.	Serjeant Giles Jeffery.
Cap. Richard Mattcock.	Serjeant Tobias Hickman.
Lieutenant Tho: Sodler.	One hundred sixty eight common Souldiers.
Lieut. Hannibal VWestcoast.	Twentie came over the works.
Lieut. Tho: VWhitby.	One Spy taken with a Let- ter.
Lieut. Tho: Sibley.	One Mr. Kemp a Minister, a grand Malignant.
Lieut. Fra: Moneuch.	
Lieut. Io: Hawks.	
Lieut. Eveley.	
Nich: Kemp.	
Rich: Matisin, servant.	

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no person's in power gave the command  
to kill us. We are innocent.



